

HAMPTON, PHOEBUS AND OLD POINT.

VETERAN LEFT TO DIE
AT GATE OF THE HOME

Joseph Mahaffey, Seventy-four-
Years Old, Expires at Phoebus
Entrance of National Institution.

REFUSED ADMITTANCE TO HOSPITAL

Several Hundred Comrades Dying
Man Gather About and Wait for
End, While Salvation Army Officer
Offers Prayer—Coroner's Jury to
Investigate Case.

After being refused medical treat-
ment at the hospital at the National
Soldiers' Home, although the authori-
ties were urged to take him in ac-
count of his serious condition, Joseph
Mahaffey, a veteran of the Civil
war, died just at the Phoebus en-
trance to the Home yesterday after-
noon at 5 o'clock without medical at-
tention. To make the condi-
tions surrounding the death of the
old man even more horrible, he was
permitted to lie in the cold and damp
grass from 11 o'clock in the morning
until death claimed him, while several
hundred of his comrades stood by and
watched the end come.

Early yesterday morning Mahaf-
fey, who had been ill in a Phoebus
restaurant for several days, was
placed in a carriage and sent to Gov-
ernor Knox's office at the home. He
asked to be admitted to the hospital,
but the governor declined to admit
him, as he was without the necessary
papers, and it was said that Mahaffey
had been dishonorably discharged
from the Dayton home. When the
Home office absolutely refused to per-
mit the sick man to be taken to the
hospital, the hack driver decided to
return to Phoebus with Mr. Mahaffey.
He was then brought to the station
house, but as his condition appeared
to be so serious as to need immedi-
ate attention from a physician, the
Phoebus officer directed the hack
man to take the veteran back to the
Home. This was done, but when the
hack reached the Phoebus gate, Mr.
Mahaffey was put out on the bridge,
and being too ill to walk he crawled
off into the grass just at the en-
trance to the bridge.

Lieutenant Refuses Aid.
Town Sergeant William R. Wil-
liams then called up Lieutenant Geo.
Spillman, the chief of police at the
Home guard house, and urged the lieut-
enant to take Mr. Mahaffey into the
hospital for treatment. Lieutenant
Spillman replied that he was unable

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do so unless an order to that ef-
fect was issued by the governor.
Dr. George K. Vanderslice was in-
vited to and after a confer-
ence with the Phoebus authorities
another flat refusal from the
Home to allow the old man to re-
ceive hospital treatment. Dr. Van-
derslice advised the Phoebus officers
to arrest the veteran and carry him to
the county jail so that he might die
there. While Mayor Furness was
preparing the necessary warrants to
have the soldier sent to jail, a mes-
sage came to the Phoebus station
that the old man was then dying and
before the police officers could reach
the scene Mr. Mahaffey had passed
away.

After the veteran had expired an
attempt was made to have the body
taken into the Home morgue, but
this too was refused by the authori-
ties. The body was taken to the un-
der-taking parlors of R. C. Hall &
Son, and it will probably be buried
in the national cemetery today.

Member Here 31 Years.
According to the records at the Na-
tional Soldiers' Home Mahaffey had
been an inmate of the Hampton
barracks for thirty-one years, but was
honorably discharged two years ago
in order to go to the Home in Day-
ton, Ohio. He first entered the Ham-
pton branch in 1876 and his number
was 1406, thus showing that he was
among the first veterans to accept
the hospital of the government
here. He left the Home in this place
in 1907.

It was further discovered that Ma-
haffey had been dishonorably dis-
charged from the Home at Dayton,
Ohio, and while enroute from Dayton
to Hampton lost his enlistment, and
other valuable papers, as well as a
sum of money, in Washington.

Returning here three weeks ago
Mahaffey applied to the home for re-
admission, but as his papers were
lost, he was refused admission. A
letter from Adjutant L. M. Parker,
of the Home, refusing him admission
was found on the dead man's person.
Mahaffey was informed that he would
have to secure copies of his papers
from the adjutant general's office of
the United States army. He was sick
and needed medical attention, so he
sought quarters in a restaurant in
Phoebus.

Within a few days after coming
back to Phoebus, Mahaffey appealed
to Dr. Vanderslice to assist him in
obtaining re-admission to the Home
and the physician prepared a letter
to the adjutant-general setting forth
the fact that Mr. Mahaffey had lost
his papers and asked that others be
made out for him. This was being
done in Washington and the veteran
had expected to receive the papers
within a few days. However, as
there were many men here who
knew him and had spent thirty-one
years of his life in this branch he
asked to be permitted to die in the
hospital.

Prayer for the Dying Man.
Shortly before death claimed Ma-
haffey, Captain Bloethe, the head of
the Salvation Army in Newport News,
came upon the death scene, and in
the presence of a number of the other
members of the Home, said a
touching prayer for the dying.
It was a remarkable scene—a man who
had fought for the union in 1861-65,
now dying an outcast just at the
entrance of the institution erected by
the United States government for
comfort and enjoyment of veterans
in their declining days. Indignation
was expressed by veterans gathered
at the gate.

From the information supplied Dr.
Vanderslice and also on record at the
Home, Mahaffey was seventy-four
years old. He served during the war

with Company D, Fourth Pennsylv-
ania volunteer reserve infantry. His
discharged papers showed that he
was a good soldier and had been
given honorable mention at the close
of the war. He was born in Phila-
delphia, but so far as is known he
had no living relatives. As stated, he
was admitted to this home in 1876
and remained here until he went to
the Dayton Home in 1907.

Dr. Vanderslice, who is the coroner
of Elizabeth City county, visited the
keeper of the national cemetery last
evening and asked that the body be
buried in the cemetery, instead of hav-
ing the veteran buried in the potter-
field. The request probably will be
complied with, although the Home
authorities refused to furnish a coffin
or to allow the remains to be
brought into the morgue.

According to Dr. Vanderslice the
death of the veteran was due to
heart trouble, pneumonia and alcohol-
ism. He had been ill ever since his
return here and the Phoebus physi-
cian was doing all in his power to get
the veteran back into this Home.

Col Knox's Statement.
Colonel Knox, in conversation with
Dr. Vanderslice, declared that he had
no authority to receive Mr. Mahaffey,
as the laws governing the Home were
laid down by the board of managers.
Colonel Knox further asserted that it
was not within his province to change
any rule made by the managers. Ma-
haffey, he said, had to go through
the usual routine to be re-admitted
to this branch, and that he as govern-
or was not given an alternative in
carrying out the regulations.

The town of Phoebus has no hos-
pital ward in the jail and there is no
town physician, so the town authori-
ties had nothing to do but send Mr.
Mahaffey back to the Home.

Coroner's Jury Empanelled.
Last night Dr. Vanderslice had a
coroner's jury summoned by Deputy
Sheriff Curtis. The body was viewed
and the jury adjourned over until
Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock when
an inquest will be held. It is prob-
able that all the evidence brought out
will be forwarded to the authorities
at Washington.

The members of the coroner's jury
are Messrs. R. E. Wood, J. Tyler Law-
son, Thomas W. Keaton, W. P. Cun-
ningham, M. Otto Lackey and Charles
W. Cox.

Social-Personal

Mrs. Richard McClintic and Mrs.
William Shields, of Latonia, are the
guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Huston
Face, in Newport News avenue.

Mrs. J. B. Steffey, of Newark, N. J.,
is expected here tomorrow to visit
her sister, Mrs. George W. Face. On
Monday Mrs. Face and Mrs. Steffey
will go to Evansville, Ind., to visit
relatives for three months.

Mr. Elmo Rountree, who was oper-
ated upon at the Dixie hospital several
days ago, is rapidly recovering.

Colonel Richard Coke Marshall, Sr.,
and Mrs. M. L. Marshall, who have
been visiting in Europe, are expected
to return this morning on the Wash-
ington steamer.

Mr. Joseph Johnson, of Blackstone,
reached the city last night. Mr.
Johnson has accepted a position in
Newport News.

Dr. Henry Collier, of Richmond,
reached the city last night to spend
several days with his parents, Mr.
and Mrs. H. S. Collier.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

**Men's Meetings to be Resumed To-
morrow Afternoon at 3:30.**

At the Young Men's Christian As-
sociation tomorrow afternoon the
men's meetings will be resumed for
the winter. The services will begin
at 3:30 o'clock.

The following program for the var-
ious gymnasium classes has been an-
nounced by Secretary Heffelfinger
and Physical Director Flanders:

Senior classes: Tuesday evening
at 8:15 o'clock and Thursday evening
at 8:15 o'clock.

Intermediate classes: Tuesday af-
ternoon at 4 o'clock and Thursday
afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Junior classes: Saturday morning
at 10 o'clock.

These classes are open to every
member of the Y. M. C. A.

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efit of his patrons.

Oh, You Cigar Smokers.

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fuel and much cleaner than coal. Ask
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Ordinary Card at Jamaica.

(By Associated Press.)

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year olds. It resulted in a victory for
Everett, a seven to one shot.

Mayor Furness' Vacation.

Mayor and Mrs. Furness, of Phoebus,
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Morris will be acting mayor.

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